

EPA Begins Sampling at Basin Oil

This week the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is starting a "removal assessment" at the Basin Oil Company property in the South Park neighborhood. This site is on the west side of the Duwamish River, across Dallas Avenue South from the Terminal 117 area of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site.

This assessment is the result of a request from the Washington State Department of Ecology to ensure that the site does not pose a threat to people or the environment. Basin Oil is a waste oil facility that appears to have been abandoned in 2004. It contains a number of tanks and about 1,000 drums. The assessment will take less than one week. Activities will include sampling soil, above-ground storage tanks and drums, and identifying other materials on the property.

What Happens Next?

EPA will test the samples and determine the contents of the tanks and drums. We then expect to work with the property owners to remove and properly dispose of materials from the site.

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